



414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55401

September 15, 2016

—VIA ELECTRONIC FILING—

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Sept 408
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 59505-0480

RE: COMPLIANCE FILING
COURTENAY WIND FARM PROJECT
CASE NO. PU-15-174

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (the Company), submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the Commission) this compliance filing in the above-referenced matter. This filing is being made pursuant to the Certification Relating to Order Provisions Energy Conversion Facility Siting, *Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications; Replacement, Section 13*, dated July 3, 2013, for Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC, which provides the homeowner the opportunity to waive the right to have replacement trees planted on landowner's property and instead, have replacement trees planted off the landowner's property.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at dave.sederquist@xcelenergy.com or (701) 241-8632.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David H. Sederquist'.

David H. Sederquist
Sr. Consultant, Regulation & Finance
Enclosure

August 19, 2016

Ralph and Sandra Dick
9595 25th St. SE
Wimbledon, ND 58492

**COURTENAY WIND FARM
TREE REPLACEMENT
NW1/4, SEC. 24, T143, R63, STUTSMAN COUNTY, ND**

Dear Ralph and Sandy;

During the 2015 wind farm construction season it was necessary to remove a tree on the above mentioned parcel of property. As a requirement of our site permit, Xcel Energy and its contractor, Wanzek Construction, are required to replace the trees that have been removed two for one.

In our discussions you have indicated you are agreeable to waive your rights to this replanting. Instead your replacement trees will be donated to the City of Wimbledon's memorial that is currently under construction. We want to thank you for your contribution to this project.


Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Chad Peterson
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ACCEPTED:

By 
Ralph Dick

cc: Jeff Berrington